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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

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In support of their motion to dismiss without prejudice and in accordance with the parties' Joint Status Report (Dkt. #112) and the Court's November 22, 2016 Order (Dkt. #113), Plaintiffs, by and through Class Counsel, hereby state as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

When Plaintiffs filed this case in 2012, the living conditions at Vienna Correctional Center ("Vienna") were inhumane and amounted to cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The most dire conditions could be seen in the building known as "Building 19," which had been characterized by watchdog groups as the "worst of the worst." Building 19 housed roughly 600 prisoners in dormitory-style spaces that were never designed or intended for housing. Inmates slept in bunk beds that were less than 18 inches apart and under pipes that were crumbling, a roof that leaked and surrounded by old and broken single-paned windows. Most notably, Building 19 lacked sufficient toilets, sinks, urinals and showers for the number of inmates housed there. Indeed, Building 19 had no showers on its second floor, which housed approximately 200 inmates. And those facilities that it did have were not properly ventilated, allowing mold to grow, and frequently leaked and clogged from overuse, leading to a constant smell of sewage.

The ultimate goal of Plaintiffs and Class Counsel in filing the lawsuit was to reduce the prison population and close Building 19 entirely, though they recognized that obtaining such relief would be difficult. At a minimum, therefore, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel sought significant repairs to Building 19 and the other Housing Units, including adding additional

On October 31, 2013, the Court certified a class for settlement purposes and appointed Mark S. Mester, Kathleen P. Lally and Alan Mills as Class Counsel. See Mem. and Order (Dkt. #52).

toilets, sinks and showers, fixing leaks and clogs and improving the windows and temperature control.

Fortunately, the Illinois Department of Corrections ("IDOC") has recently made significant and material improvements to the living conditions at Vienna. The population of Vienna has decreased significantly, falling 42% from 1,899 inmates in 2012 to 1,107 inmates as of October 28, 2016. IDOC no longer houses a single inmate in general population in Building 19 and no longer places inmates in the cramped, dormitory-style segregation room in Building 19. IDOC has also replaced all of the windows in the two-person cells in the six Housing Units. Equally significant, IDOC has confirmed that it has no intention of housing inmates in general population in Building 19 or in the dormitory-style segregation room, except on an emergency basis. IDOC has also confirmed that should its plans change, it would need to conduct extensive repairs prior to repopulating Building 19.

These changes are significant. By depopulating Building 19, IDOC resolved the unconstitutional conditions general population inmates experienced in Building 19. For the general population inmates in Building 19, this was obviously a positive result. While IDOC has not addressed all of the problems in the Housing Units, Class Counsel do not believe the remaining issues provide a continued basis for their Eighth Amendment claims. As a result, Class Counsel seek to voluntarily dismiss this case without prejudice. Plaintiffs and their counsel, however, intend to remain vigilant. Defendants have agreed to provide written notice to Class Counsel should Defendants intend to repopulate Building 19 within two years of the date of dismissal, and Plaintiffs reserve all rights to refile claims seeking to address Constitutional violations at Vienna.

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П. RELEVANT FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The factual background relevant to this motion is set forth below. See disc. infra at II.A-D.

Plaintiffs Brought Suit In 2012 To Address Constitutional Violations At Vienna And, In Particular, The Living Conditions In Building 19

Plaintiffs filed this action on June 13, 2012 and amended their complaint on October 29, 2013 in order to add an additional Named Plaintiff (i.e., Plaintiff J.B. Washup). See Compl. (Dkt. #1); see also Am. Compl. (Dkt. #51). Plaintiffs alleged a variety of deplorable conditions at Vienna -- including a mold problem sufficiently severe that mold would grow so thick that it would break off and fall on prisoners, infestation of insects and inadequate ventilation in the Housing Units due to broken windows -- many of which stemmed from the severe overcrowding at Vienna. See Am. Compl. ¶¶ 18-46.

Plaintiffs' most concerning allegations, however, revolved around Building 19. See Am. Compl. ¶¶ 47-59. Relying on their personal experiences as well as on a report by the John Howard Association, Plaintiffs alleged that Building 19 was "widely recognized as the worst of the worst." Id. ¶ 47. Inmates in Building 19 were crammed together in bunks placed less than 18 inches apart from each other. See id. ¶ 50. Although Building 19 housed roughly 600 prisoners, it had an insufficient number of toilets, sinks, and urinals, many of which did not function due to leaks and clogs and often overflowed, leaving a sewage smell. See id. ¶¶ 53-54. The second floor bathroom of Building 19 had no functioning showers. See id. ¶ 56. All prisoners in Building 19 had to deal with "exposed insulation, pipes with chipping and flaking paint and exposed electrical wiring throughout." Id. ¶ 49.

Plaintiffs brought this action on behalf of themselves and all prisoners residing at Vienna and alleged that conditions at Vienna violated the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and

unusual punishment. See id. ¶¶ 63, 69-96. Plaintiffs sought a declaration that conditions at Vienna were unconstitutional and a permanent injunction ordering Defendants to conform the conditions to the dictates of the Constitution. See id. ¶ 83, 96. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel ideally hoped for an order shuttering Building 19 to general population housing but realistically intended to insist on substantial improvements. See Declaration of Kathleen P. Lally ("Lally Decl."), Ex. A, at ¶ 4.

The Court Certified A Class For Settlement Purposes, The Parties Actively Engaged In Productive Settlement Discussions, But Ultimately Resumed Active Litigation

On October 31, 2013, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Class Certification for the Purposes of Settlement and certified, for settlement purposes, a class of "[a]ll inmates housed at Vienna Correctional Center since June 13, 2012, and all inmates to be housed at Vienna Correctional Center." See Memo, and Order (Dkt. #52) at 4. The parties then engaged in over two years of settlement negotiations. See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶ 10-11. As part of settlement negotiations, the parties discussed a settlement that would have required IDOC to make significant repairs to Building 19, including replacing the roof, replacing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning ("HVAC") ductwork, repairing faulty plumbing, adding additional showers, toilets, urinals, and sinks and replacing the shower faucets and shower heads in Building 19 to reduce leaks. See id. ¶ 16. The proposed settlement would have also required IDOC to repair and replace exterior windows in the Housing Units and Building 19 and to remediate (as appropriate) mold and asbestos at Vienna (especially in Building 19). See id. Though the parties were close to an agreement, the settlement negotiations were ultimately unsuccessful, due primarily to budgetary shortfalls. See id. ¶ 17. As a result, the parties returned to active litigation. See Joint Status Report (Dkt. #94) ¶¶ 1-3.

During renewed written discovery, Defendants admitted that they no longer housed inmates in general population in Building 19 and no longer intended to do so in the future. See IDOC Answers to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission, Ex. B, at 1-6, 15-16; Vienna Answers to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission, Ex. C, at 1-6, 15-16. In light of these admissions, the parties renewed their efforts to amicably resolve this dispute. See Joint Motion to Stay Discovery Deadlines (Dkt. #107). In particular, Plaintiffs requested leave to conduct an inspection of Vienna and a limited deposition of IDOC under Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6). See id. ¶¶ 4-6; see also Order (Dkt. #110).

C. The October 31, 2016 Tour Of Vienna And Deposition Confirmed That Conditions At Vienna Had Significantly Improved

Counsel for all parties toured Vienna on October 31, 2016, which was the third time that Class Counsel had toured Vienna. See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶23. During the tour, counsel inspected all general population and segregation housing spaces on all three floors of Building 19, the exterior of all six Housing Units, the interior of one Housing Unit, the dining area and the kitchen facilities at Vienna. See id. ¶¶24, 27-29. As of October 31, 2016, counsel observed that no general population inmates resided in Building 19 and that many of the bunk beds had either been moved or removed from the general population areas. See id. ¶24. The third floor of Building 19 contained an old segregation unit, which had also been depopulated. See id. Likewise, no inmates were housed in the cage-like segregation bunk room in the first floor segregation unit. See id. ¶25. Defendants informed Class Counsel that currently inmates only reside temporarily in two areas of Building 19: in six two-bed segregation cells on the first floor of Building 19 and in the infirmary. See id. ¶26.

The parties also walked past the six Housing Units. While windows in certain of the dayroom areas and guard areas had not been replaced, Defendants informed counsel all of the

windows in inmate cells had been replaced, which Class Counsel observed. See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶27. The parties toured Housing Unit 6, including the dayrooms, bathrooms and one of the inmate cells. See id. ¶28.² Although Housing Unit 6, and the bathrooms in particular, could have been cleaner and were in need of some maintenance, Class Counsel did not observe any significant damage or mold. See id. Finally, the parties toured the dining facilities at Vienna, including the eating area, the food preparation areas and the food storage areas. See id. ¶29. Class Counsel did not see any pests, and the dining facilities generally appeared clean. See id.

D. The Testimony Of Mr. Atchison, Chief Of Operations For IDOC, Confirmed The Conditions Observed During The Tour And Clarified Future Plans For Building 19

Following the tour, Class Counsel conducted a limited deposition of Michael P. Atchison, Chief of Operations for IDOC, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6). See Dep. of Michael P. Atchison ("Atchison Dep."), Ex. D. Mr. Atchison confirmed that IDOC no longer houses inmates in general population in Building 19 or in the dormitory-style segregation bunk room and, instead, only houses inmates in the six two-bed segregation cells and the infirmary on the first floor. See id. at 12:13-16, 13:17-14:3. Moreover, Mr. Atchison further confirmed that IDOC:

- Decided to depopulate Building 19 between May and June 2016 (id. at 14:4-20);
- Has no plans to house inmates in Building 19, except in the six two-bed segregation cells and in the infirmary (id. at 13:17-14:3, 29:10-20);
- Does not house inmates at Vienna in locations other than the six Housing Units, segregation on the first floor in Building 19 and the infirmary in Building 19 and does not plan to house inmates in other locations (<u>id.</u> at 46:6-19); and

The decision to tour Housing Unit 6 was made during the tour (not prior to the tour) and was at the request of Class Counsel, not Defendants' counsel. See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶ 28. As such, Defendants and their counsel had no indication which Housing Unit would be examined. See id.

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Only reserves the right to house inmates temporarily in other locations or the unpopulated areas in Building 19 in emergency circumstances, such as a flood, tornado or other natural disaster (id. at 17:7-17, 24:10-17).

Moreover, Mr. Atchison also confirmed that IDOC has capital projects planned for Building 19, which are dependent on funding being available. See Atchison Dep., Ex. D, 18:9-19:21. These projects include repairs to the roof, renovations to the bathrooms, increases to bathroom capacity (including additional sinks, toilets, and showers to comply with building codes), installing showers on the second floor of Building 19, improvements to the HVAC system in Building 19 and replacing the windows in Building 19. See id. at 19:22-22:14, 22:22-24:6, 24:24-26:2. Mr. Atchison acknowledged that IDOC would need to make these repairs prior to housing inmates in general population in Building 19. See id. at 19:22-20:9 ("the roof is the one that we really need to get done, because . . . even if there's no one there, you don't want water leaking into certain areas"); id. at 21:4-22:14, 22:22-24:6 ("we would have to have a proper number of toilets, urinals and showers . . . we would meet that before we would ever permanently occupy that again"); id. at 25:4-21, 26:2 (HVAC system was another project to ensure that "there's enough air handlers . . . that can make the air temperature . . . consistent throughout those large rooms").

Finally, Mr. Atchison confirmed that IDOC has replaced all the windows in the living cells in the Housing Units at Vienna. See Atchison Dep., Ex. D, at 39:16-19. While the windows in officer areas in the Housing Units and in the dayrooms in Housing Units 5 and 6 have not been replaced due to budgetary issues, the delay in installing windows in these areas does not affect the temperature or ventilation in areas where inmates sleep. See id. at 39:20-24, 40:10-14, 39:16-19. Furthermore, IDOC has procured replacement windows for the dayrooms and officer areas but had to halt the installation process because of the inability of the legislature to approve a budget. See id. at 39:24-40:14. Since IDOC is dependent on funding from the

legislature, its ability to undertake projects to improve living conditions is hampered by the budgetary crisis in the state. See id. at 18:9-19:9 ("my point being is that we take this seriously, and we should, but we are very much beholden to funding"); id. at 39:9-15. But because Building 19 has been depopulated, the unconstitutional conditions in the general population areas of Building 19 have been addressed, notwithstanding budgetary constraints. See disc. infra at III.B.

III. DISCUSSION

Given the significant improvements to the living conditions that are at the heart of this action, Class Counsel seek voluntary dismissal without prejudice to the right of Plaintiffs and the class to refile should conditions worsen or should other material information come to light. See disc. infra at III.C; supra at II.C-D. Because the Court has certified a class for purposes of settlement, however, the requirements of Rule 23(e) apply. See Buller v. Owner Operator Indep. Driver Risk Retention Grp., Inc., 461 F. Supp. 2d 757, 764 (S.D. III. 2006) ("Rule 23(e) only applies to the claims, issues, or defenses of a certified class[.]"). Where dismissal will bind the class, the Court may only grant a request for voluntary dismissal following (i) "direct notice in a reasonable manner to all class members who would be bound by the proposal" and (ii) "a hearing and on finding that it is fair, reasonable, and adequate" if the "proposal would bind class members." Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e).

In this case, the dismissal sought would be without prejudice, such that no class members would be bound. See Schemmer v. ChartOne, Inc., No. 1:05-cv-2923, 2008 WL 1929980, at *2 (N.D. Ohio Apr. 29, 2008) (voluntary dismissal without prejudice means "that any class member would be free to bring a subsequent action" and would not be bound). Thus, this Court need not find that the proposal is fair, reasonable and adequate in order to grant this motion. See, e.g., Cranley v. Nat'l Life Ins. Co. of Vermont, 144 F. Supp. 2d 291, 305 (D. Vt. 2001) (motion to

dismiss state law claims without prejudice granted because "no one's rights are being cut off"). Nonetheless, as discussed further, dismissal of this action is fair, reasonable and adequate. See disc. infra at III.B. Further, Class Counsel recognize their fiduciary duties to the class prior to dismissal and intend to provide direct notice to the class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e). See disc. infra at III.D.

A. Legal Standard For Voluntary Dismissal Of A Certified Class Action

As discussed above, because a class has been certified, the requirements of Rule 23(e) apply, and voluntary dismissal requires court approval. See Baker v. Am.'s Mortg. Servicing, 58 F.3d 321, 324 (7th Cir. 1995). Courts have, in turn, considered a variety of factors in evaluating whether dismissal is "fair, reasonable, and adequate," including the likelihood of success, the relief awarded if successful, whether a settlement (or dismissal) would waive other viable claims and whether proper procedures were adopted for giving notice to the class. See, e.g., Synfuel Techs. v. DHL Express (USA), 463 F.3d 646, 653 (7th Cir. 2006) (factors to consider include the strength of plaintiffs' case compared to amount of settlement offer, the complexity and expense of litigation, and the opinion of competent counsel); Vassalle v. Midland Funding, 708 F.3d 747, 759 (6th Cir. 2013) ("[D]ue process requires that notice to the class be reasonably calculated

Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 was amended in 2003 to require court approval after a class had been certified. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1)(A) advisory committee's notes, 2003 amends. Although Baker is a pre-2003 decision involving dismissal prior to class certification, the principle that court approval is required in this case still applies, because a class has been certified for purposes of settlement. See Buller, 461 F. Supp. 2d at 764 ("The 2003 amendments make clear that Rule 23(e) only applies to the claims, issues, or defenses of a certified class.").

The cases cited in this section consider the factors that courts look at when evaluating settlements of class claims for fairness. See disc. infra at III.A. Based on the language of Rule 23(e), however, the same analysis applies to whether voluntary dismissal is fair, reasonable and adequate. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e) ("The claims, issues, or defenses of a certified class may be settled, voluntarily dismissed, or compromised only with the court's approval. The following procedures apply to a proposed settlement, voluntary dismissal, or compromise.") (emphasis added).

under all the circumstances to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections."). As discussed below, voluntary dismissal is appropriate here because (i) there would be difficulties in prevailing on the merits, (ii) dismissal without prejudice will not waive any class member's future claims or otherwise bind the class, (iii) the underlying conditions at Vienna that were at issue in this litigation have improved and (iv) the proposed notice comports with due process. See disc. infra at III.B-C.

Voluntary Dismissal Is Appropriate Here Because Plaintiffs And Their Counsel Believe They Can No Longer Prove An Eighth Amendment Violation

IDOC's actions since May 2016 have materially altered the conditions at Vienna and provide much of the relief that Plaintiffs sought when bringing this action. See Fed'n of Adver. Indus. Representatives, Inc. v. City of Chicago, 326 F.3d 924, 929 (7th Cir. 2003) ("[W]hen the defendants are public officials, we place greater stock in their acts of self-correction[.]"). While the Housing Units continue to require maintenance and improvement, Class Counsel believe that current conditions at Vienna do not provide the basis for a viable Eighth Amendment claim. See Lovell v. Brennan, 728 F.2d 560, 563-64 (1st Cir. 1984) (conditions that were "unpleasant, if not harsh" did not amount to an Eighth Amendment violation). "When the claims of all the class members are moot, the action is moot." Davis v. Ball Memorial Hosp. Ass'n, 753 F.2d 1410, 1416 (7th Cir. 1985).

Courts in other Circuits have held that improvements in prison conditions while a suit is pending can render claims for injunctive relief moot. See, e.g., Beaulieu v. Ludeman, 690 F.3d 1017, 1024 (8th Cir. 2012) (claims for injunctive relief regarding housing in a specific prison building mooted where defendants made changes preventing plaintiffs from being housed in that building again); Roubideaux v. N. Dakota Dept. of Corr. & Rehab., 570 F.3d 966, 976 (8th Cir. 2009) (class action equal protection claims for injunctive relief based on incarceration of all

female prisoners at specific prisons mooted where all female inmates were transferred out of those prisons); <u>Lovell</u>, 728 F.2d at 563-64 (improved food, clothing, and medical care and preventative maintenance and cleaning programs that raised conditions at prison to a level where they were no longer unconstitutional precluded an injunction).

While "[i]t is true that mere cessation of the conduct sought to be enjoined does not moot a suit to enjoin the conduct, lest dismissal of the suit leave the defendant free to resume the conduct . . . [t]he case may nevertheless be moot if the defendant can demonstrate that there is no reasonable expectation that the wrong will be repeated." Chicago United Indus. v. City of Chicago, 445 F.3d 940, 947 (7th Cir. 2006) (claims for injunctive relief mooted in action by individual plaintiff seeking injunction against city prohibiting it from cancelling contracts where city reinstated contracts and promised that plaintiff would be entitled to a full evidentiary hearing if harm were repeated). Where the defendant is a government actor, "there is a rebuttable presumption that the objectionable behavior will not recur." Id.

Plaintiffs and Class Counsel brought this action to remedy the unconstitutional conditions at Vienna, especially the unconscionable overcrowding and deplorable living conditions in Building 19. See Am. Compl. ¶ 47; disc. supra at II.A. As confirmed by Class Counsel upon their inspection of Vienna and by the sworn testimony of IDOC's chief of operations, Vienna's population has decreased substantially, general population inmates are no longer housed in Building 19 and IDOC has made repairs to the Housing Units, including replacing the windows in all living cells. See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶ 24, 27. These changes materially improve the conditions in the prison. See Lovell, 728 F.2d at 563-64 (improvements at prison raised conditions to a level where they were no longer unconstitutional). These changes provide most of the relief that Plaintiffs sought and, in the case of Building 19, go beyond what Class Counsel

thought could be achieved either through settlement or litigation. See Beaulieu, 690 F.3d at 1024 (claims for injunctive relief regarding housing in specific prison building moot where defendants made changes to prevent housing plaintiffs in that building again); see also Roubideaux, 570 F.3d at 976 (class claims for injunctive relief at specific prisons were moot where inmates were no longer housed at the prisons).

Conditions at Vienna are certainly not perfect, and the Housing Units are in need of additional improvements and changes. See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶ 28. But see Rice ex rel. Rice v. Corr. Med. Servs., 675 F.3d 650, 665 (7th Cir. 2012). The substantial improvements made by IDOC, however, appear to render Plaintiffs' Eighth Amendment claims no longer viable. See, e.g., Beaulieu, 690 F.3d at 1024 (repurposing prison building made claims moot); Lovell, 728 F. F.2d at 563-64 (even though improvements "left something to be desired," conditions at prison were no longer unconstitutional). As such, Class Counsel believe that voluntary dismissal is appropriate in this instance. See disc. supra at II.C-D.

C. Voluntary Dismissal Would Not Prejudice The Class, Because Plaintiffs Would Retain The Right To Refile This Action, Class Members Would Retain The Right To File Individual Actions And Class Counsel Would Continue To Monitor Conditions At Vienna

The class will not be prejudiced by dismissal. <u>See Cranley</u>, 144 F. Supp. 2d at 305 (no prejudice where "no one's rights are being cut off"). The dismissal that is requested by Class Counsel would be without prejudice. <u>See Mot.</u> to Dismiss at 1. As such, members of the

Moreover, to the extent that Defendants have reserved their right to challenge class certification for purposes of litigation, Class Counsel would face additional hurdles to obtaining class certification. See Mem. and Order (Dkt. #44) at 6-8. Specifically, the Named Plaintiffs in this action are no longer incarcerated, and Class Counsel would likely need to identify new Named Plaintiffs pursuant to the Court's prior rulings. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a). Securing new Named Plaintiffs could prove to be difficult, however, given that most inmates at Vienna are incarcerated for less than a year, and inmates have not been housed in general population in Building 19 for almost six months. See Am. Compl. ¶ 15; disc. supra at II.D.

settlement class have the ability to file similar claims for declaratory and injunctive relief or to file a separate action for money damages. See, e.g., Austin v. Pennsylvania Dep't. of Corrs., 876 F. Supp. 1437, 1455 (E.D. Pa. 1995) (dismissal without prejudice means that class members are not prevented from bringing a subsequent action). Plaintiffs also retain their rights to refile this case should conditions at Vienna worsen or should other material information come to light. See Joint Status Report (Dkt. #112) ¶ 15; Mot. to Dismiss at 1.

The parties are also continuing to monitor developments at Vienna. <u>See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶ 30.</u> Class Counsel have requested that as part of any dismissal, IDOC stipulate to providing written notice if it intends to house general population inmates in Building 19 or reopen the dormitory-style segregation unit any time within two years of dismissal. <u>See id. ¶ 30.</u> This stipulation will help protect the inmates at Vienna and enable Class Counsel to ensure that IDOC conducts significant repairs to Building 19 that it has conceded are necessary prior to repopulation so that the unconstitutional conditions at Vienna will not arise again. <u>See Atchison Dep., Ex. D, 19:22-22:14, 22:22-24:6, 24:24-26:2; disc. supra at II.D.</u>

D. Proposed Notice

Because the requested dismissal is without prejudice, it is not strictly necessary to provide notice to the class. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1); see also, e.g., Austin, 876 F. Supp. at 1455 (notice provision of Rule 23(e) is inapplicable where voluntary dismissal is without prejudice because no one's rights are being cut off). To fulfill their duties to the class and to

The claims brought in this action are for declaratory and injunctive relief only, and the Court certified a class under Rule 23(b)(2). See Memo. and Order (Dkt. #52) at 4. To the extent that any current or former inmate wishes to bring claims for money damages against Vienna or IDOC, nothing in this action precludes such claims. See, e.g., Crowder v. Lash, 687 F.2d 996, 1007-08 (7th Cir. 1982) (class claims for only declaratory and injunctive relief did not bar prisoner's subsequent complaint for individual damages).

ensure that all class members are apprised of their rights, however, Class Counsel propose that notice be provided to the class, that the class be provided with an opportunity to submit objections or other comments to the Court and that the Court hold a fairness hearing following the objection period. See Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust, 339 U.S. 306, 314-15 (1950) (purpose of the notice requirement is to inform interested parties of the pending action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections).

A proposed notice of dismissal is attached hereto as Exhibit E, which notice Defendants have agreed to provide to all inmates living at Vienna. See Lally Decl., Ex. A, ¶ 30. The parties propose that this notice be distributed within 30 days of the Court entering an order approving the notice and authorizing its distribution (the "Order Granting Notice"). The parties further propose that members of the class be allowed to file objections or other comments regarding the proposed dismissal, as specified in the notice, within 30 days of the Order Granting Notice. Finally, the parties propose that the Court hold a fairness hearing after the deadline to file objections has passed and at a time convenient for the Court.

IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel respectfully request that the Court enter an order (i) preliminarily granting the request for a dismissal without prejudice, (ii) approving the notice to the class attached hereto as Exhibit E, (iii) directing the parties to provide the approved notice within 30 days, (iv) directing any members of the class who wish to object or otherwise comment on the request for a dismissal to submit such comments within 30 days of the Order Granting Notice and (v) setting a time for a fairness hearing. Plaintiffs further request any other such relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 9, 2016, I electronically filed Memorandum in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Voluntary Dismissal with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS BENTON DIVISION

MICHAEL BOYD, PAUL LEE, and KENDRICK PEARSON, and J.B. WASHUP on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,)	Case No. 3:12-cv-00704-MJR-RJD
Plaintiffs,)	Chief Judge Michael J. Reagan
v.)	3
)	Magistrate Judge Reona J. Daly
S. A. GODINEZ, Director of the Illinois)	,
Department of Corrections and RANDY	í	
DAVIS, Warden of Vienna Correctional	í	
Center, in their official capacities,	í	
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Defendants.)	

EXHIBITS TO MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

- A Declaration of Kathleen P. Lally
- B Answers to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission to Defendant S.A. Godinez's Successor as Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections
- C Answers to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission to Defendant Randy Davis' Successor as Warden of Vienna Correctional Center
- D Deposition of Michael P. Atchison
- E [Draft] Notice of Dismissal of Class Action Lawsuit

EXHIBIT A

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DECLARATION OF KATHLEEN P. LALLY

- I, Kathleen P. Lally, hereby declare as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel of record for Plaintiffs Michael Boyd, Paul Lee, Kendrick Pearson, and J.B. Washup. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Illinois. I, along with Mark S. Mester of Latham & Watkins LLP and Alan Mills of Uptown People's Law Center, have been appointed class counsel in this case. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this declaration, and if called to do so, I would testify competently thereto.
- Plaintiffs brought this action against the Warden of Vienna Correctional Center 2. ("Vienna"), in his official capacity, and the Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections ("IDOC"), in his official capacity, because of unconstitutional living conditions at Vienna that violated the prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment in the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I. BACKGROUND

- Plaintiffs Michael Boyd, Paul Lee, and Kendrick Pearson filed this action on June
 13, 2012 because they, and all other inmates at Vienna, were exposed to conditions that deprived them of basic human needs.
- 4. We had discussed with Plaintiffs that ideally the lawsuit would result in an order that would prevent general population inmates from being housed in Building 19, but that such an order would be difficult to obtain and as such, the realistic goal of the suit was to obtain improvements to the conditions of Vienna, and more specifically, Building 19.

II. DISCOVERY AND INITIAL INSPECTION OF VIENNA IN 2012

- 5. Defendants answered the initial Complaint on October 9, 2012. <u>See</u> Answer (Dkt. #17).
- 6. Plaintiffs then served document requests and interrogatories on Defendants, and Defendants produced approximately 4,200 pages of documents. These documents included inmate grievances relating to living conditions, work orders and reports relating to repairs and conditions at Vienna, incident reports on items found in food, pest control, and plumbing, other vendor documentation and IDOC and Vienna administrative directives and Inspection Reports.
- 7. Plaintiffs also served Defendants with a request to inspect Vienna. On November 16, 2012, my colleagues, Robert Collins and Malorie Medellin, accompanied by Defendants' counsel and representatives, inspected Vienna. Mr. Collins and Ms. Medellin observed, and had photographed, conditions at Vienna. Those pictures documented the inhumane living conditions, especially in Building 19, and showed severe overcrowding, widespread mold and mildew, broken and insufficient bathroom facilities, leaks, pests and rodents and broken and boarded windows.

III. SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

- 8. The parties began discussing settlement in March 2013. These conversations were productive and the parties believed that they would be able to reach a settlement. Accordingly, Plaintiffs moved for class certification for purposes of settlement on August 1, 2013. See Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Class Certification for Purposes of Settlement (Dkt. #33). Given that Plaintiffs were no longer housed at Vienna, the Court raised concerns about Plaintiffs' ability to adequately represent the class. See Memorandum and Order (Dkt. #44), at 9. In response, Plaintiffs amended their Complaint on October 29, 2013, to add J.B. Washup as a named Plaintiff. See Amended Complaint (Dkt. #51).
- 9. On October 31, 2013, the Court certified a class for purposes of settlement composed of "[a]ll inmates housed at Vienna Correctional Center since June 13, 2012, and all inmates to be housed at Vienna Correctional Center." See Memorandum and Order (Dkt. #52). The Court appointed Plaintiff J.B. Washup as class representative and appointed Mark S. Mester of Latham & Watkins, Alan Mills of Uptown People's Law Center and me as class counsel.
- 10. The parties then engaged in over two years of settlement negotiations, assisted by Magistrate Judge Frazier. The parties met in person or by phone at least a half dozen times to discuss the conditions at Vienna, the repairs and improvements that Plaintiffs contended must be made and the repairs and improvements that were ongoing or planned for Vienna. During this process, the parties exchanged multiple draft settlement agreements, and Defendants provided additional discovery and information to Plaintiffs. My colleagues and I believed that settlement discussions were productive and offered a real path to a mutually agreeable result.
- 11. As part of settlement negotiations, the Court conducted two Settlement Conferences with counsel for the parties on December 13, 2013, and June 25, 2015. See Minutes of Settlement Conference (Dkt. #56); Minute Entry (Dkt. #89).

- 12. During settlement negotiations, Plaintiffs sought to require Defendants to substantially improve living conditions. They asked that Defendants increase the living space each inmate in Building 19 had to at least 25 square feet per inmate and/or construct additional shower and bathroom facilities in Building 19 to reduce the number of inmates per toilet, sink and shower. If Defendants were not able to make either renovation to Building 19, Plaintiffs asked that Defendants agree to remove inmates from Building 19 to reduce the overcrowding.
- 13. Plaintiffs also asked Defendants to repair old and/or broken windows in all the Housing Units and Building 19; remediate mold, mildew and asbestos at Vienna; provide regular pest control; conduct repairs in the bathrooms; refrain from painting over mold and mildew without first treating their source; repair broken windows; stop boarding over windows during the winter and ensure food and cooking ingredients were stored in clean, food-safe storage areas.
- 14. Plaintiffs sought additional repairs and improvements to Building 19, including repairing and/or replacing the roof, the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System ("HVAC"), the plumbing and the spring beds in Building 19.
- 15. Given the parties' productive discussions, on October 30, 2014, Judge Gilbert, Magistrate Judge Frazier and the parties toured Vienna and met with representatives from Vienna and IDOC to discuss the repairs and improvements to Vienna.
- 16. The parties were close to a settlement that would have required IDOC to make significant repairs to Building 19. These repairs would have included replacing the roof; replacing the HVAC ductwork; repairing faulty plumbing; adding additional showers, toilets, urinals, and sinks and replacing the shower faucets and shower heads in Building 19. The proposed settlement would have required IDOC to repair and/or replace exterior windows in the Housing Units and Building 19. Defendants would also have been required to remediate, as

appropriate, mold and asbestos at Vienna, especially in Building 19, and to repair and/or replace faulty light fixtures.

17. Unfortunately, Defendants were ultimately unable to agree to settlement due in part to budgetary shortfalls in the state of Illinois that prevented Defendants from being able to make the necessary repairs. As a result, the parties returned to active litigation in April 2016.

See Joint Status Report (Dkt. #94) at ¶¶ 1-3.

IV. PLAINTIFFS LEARNED THAT DEFENDANTS NO LONGER HOUSED GENERAL POPULATION INMATES IN BUILDING 19

- 18. In June 2016, Plaintiffs served additional discovery requests on Defendants, including Requests for Admission and Interrogatories that inquired about Defendants plans for Building 19.
- 19. In their written responses served in August 2016, Defendants admitted that they no longer house inmates in general population in Building 19 and no longer intend to house inmates in general population in Building 19. See IDOC Answers to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission, Mot. Ex. B at 1-6, 15-16; Vienna Answers to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission, Mot. Ex. C at 1-6, 15-16.
- 20. My colleague, Robert Collins, also conducted telephone interviews with current inmates at Vienna in August 2016. During these interviews, Mr. Collins confirmed that no general population inmates were housed in Building 19.
- 21. After learning that general population inmates were no longer housed in Building 19, we reached out to Defendants' counsel to renew efforts to resolve this case without additional litigation.
- 22. On September 28, 2016, the parties filed a Joint Motion asking the Court to stay all discovery-related deadlines and for leave to conduct both a tour of Vienna and a limited

deposition of IDOC pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6). See Joint Mot. to Stay Discovery Deadlines (Dkt. #107). We sought to investigate current conditions at Vienna and to learn IDOC's plans for Building 19. The parties conducted a status conference by telephone with Magistrate Judge Reona J. Daly on October 18, 2016 and informed Judge Daly of the parties' plan. See Minute Entry (Dkt. #110).

V. COUNSEL FOR ALL PARTIES TOURED VIENNA ON OCTOBER 31, 2016

- 23. Counsel for all parties, along with representatives from Vienna and IDOC, toured Vienna on October 31, 2016. This was the third time that one of my colleagues or I had toured Vienna.
- During the tour, we inspected all general population and segregation housing 24. spaces on all three floors of Building 19. No inmates were housed in the dormitory style housing on the second and third floors of Building 19, and many of the beds had been moved or removed from those areas. The third floor of Building 19 also contained a segregation area, but no inmates were housed there.
- The first floor of Building 19 contained an infirmary and two segregation areas: 25. six two-bed segregation cells and a cage-like segregation bunk room. We observed inmates in the segregation cells but, unlike during the prior two tours, did not see any inmates in the segregation bunk room.
- 26. Representatives from Vienna informed us that inmates only reside temporarily in two areas in Building 19: in the six two-bed segregation cells and the infirmary.
- We also inspected the exterior of all six Housing Units and observed that the 27. windows of the inmate cells in all six Housing Units had been replaced, which representatives from Vienna confirmed. Representatives from Vienna also informed me and my colleagues that the windows for the guard areas in all six Housing Units had not been replaced, and the windows

in the dayroom areas in Housing Units 5 and 6 had not been replaced. The dayroom areas are recreational areas for the inmates with televisions, tables and chairs.

- During the tour, we requested a tour of at least one of the Housing Units. The parties then toured Housing Unit 6 including the dayrooms, bathrooms, hallways and one of the inmate cells. We requested to inspect a Housing Unit during the tour and had not informed Defendants or their counsel which Housing Unit we wished to inspect prior to the tour. While Housing Unit 6 could have been cleaner and did appear to need some maintenance, especially in the bathrooms, we did not observe any significant damage or mold in Housing Unit 6.
- 29. The parties also toured the kitchen and dining facilities at Vienna, including the eating area, the food preparation areas and the food storage areas. These areas generally appeared clean, and we did not observe any pests there.

VI. DISMISSAL OF THIS ACTION AND NOTICE

- 30. Following the tour and confirmatory deposition, we discussed voluntary dismissal of this action, without prejudice, with Defendants' counsel. As a condition to voluntary dismissal of this action without prejudice, Defendants have agreed to inform us if Defendants intend to repopulate Building 19 any time within two years of the date of dismissal. Defendants have also agreed to provide notice to all inmates living at Vienna.
- 31. We intend to continue to monitor any such developments at Vienna following dismissal.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct under penalty of perjury. Signed this 9th day of December 2016 in Chicago, Illinois.

By: /s/ Kathleen P. Lally
Kathleen P. Lally

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Defendants.)	

ANSWERS TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO DEFENDANT S. A. GODINEZ'S SUCCESSOR AS DIRECTOR OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Director John Baldwin, Defendant S. A. Godinez's successor as Director of the Illinois

Department of Corrections, in his official capacity, by and through his attorney, Lisa Madigan,

Attorney General of the State of Illinois, hereby responds to Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for

Admission, as follows:

REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION

Admit that inmates are not housed on the second floor of Building 19.

RESPONSE: Admit

2. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the second floor of Building

RESPONSE: Deny

19.

Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the second floor of Building
 for any reason, including for non-emergency reasons.

RESPONSE: Deny

Admit that inmates are not housed on the first floor of Building 19.

RESPONSE: Defendant denies there are no inmates housed on the first floor of Building 19, because segregation is located on the first floor. However, defendant admits that general population inmates are not housed on the first floor of Building 19.

5. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the first floor of Building 19.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Defendant admits Vienna reserves the right to house segregations status inmates on the first floor of Building 19.

 Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the first floor of Building 19 for any reason, including for non-emergency reasons.

RESPONSE: Deny.

 Admit that Vienna Correctional Center currently houses more inmates than the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first constructed.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "original rated capacity." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 7.

Admit that the number of inmates housed in Vienna Correctional Center is currently
approximately double the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first
constructed.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "original rated capacity." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 8.

Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house more inmates in Vienna Correctional
 Center than the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first constructed.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "original rated capacity." Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies Vienna reserves the right to house more inmates at Vienna Correctional Center.

10. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house twice as many inmates as the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first constructed.

RESPONSE: Deny

Admit that Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 10.

- 12. Admit that the first floor of Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates. RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 12.
- 13. Admit that the second floor of Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 13.

- 14. Admit that the third floor of Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates. RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 14.
- 15. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates in other buildings at Vienna Correctional Center that were not originally designed to house inmates.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed" And "other buildings". Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant admits

that Vienna Correctional Center reserves the right to house inmates in any housing unit except Building 19.

16. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates for any reason, including for non-emergency reasons, in other buildings at Vienna Correctional Center that were not originally designed to house inmates.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant admits that Vienna Correctional Center reserves the right to house inmates in any housing unit except Building 19.

17. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Housing Units.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 17.

 Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Housing Units rather than Remediate the Mold.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as

no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 18.

19. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in Building 19.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 19.

 Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in Building 19 rather than Remediate the Mold.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as

no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 20.

21. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 21.

Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities rather than
 Remediate the Mold.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method.. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 22.

Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional
 Center.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as

no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the

24. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center rather than Remediate the Mold.

statement in paragraph 23.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 24.

25. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 25.

26. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper

mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 26.

 Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 27.

28. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 28.

 Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper

mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 29.

30. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 30.

31. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 31.

32. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper

mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the

33. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

statement in paragraph 32.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 33.

34. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 34.

35. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the

statement in paragraph 35.

36. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 36.

37. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 37.

38. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper

mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 38.

39. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 39.

40. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 40.

41. Admit that Vienna has used the possibility of transfer from the Housing Units (not including Building 19) to Building 19 as a means of inmate discipline.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Defendant admits that Building 19 contains segregation cells, and inmates are occasionally sentenced to segregation by the Adjustment Committee. Defendant denies threatening transfer to Building 19 as a means of discipline.

42. Admit that Vienna has in fact transferred inmates from the Housing Units (not including Building 19) to Building 19 as a means of inmate discipline.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Defendant admits that Building 19 contains segregation cells, and inmates are occasionally placed in segregation by the Adjustment Committee due to disciplinary issues. Defendant denies threatening transfer to Building 19 as a means of discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

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Defendant,

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Of Counsel.

BY:

Dylan P. Grady

Assistant Attorney General

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 1, 2016, I mailed copies of the foregoing Answers to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission to John Baldwin, Successor DOC Director to S.A. Godinez, by U.S. Mail, in envelopes fully prepaid and properly addressed to:

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EXHIBIT C

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Defendants.	,)

ANSWERS TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO DEFENDANT RANDY DAVIS' SUCCESSOR AS WARDEN OF VIENNA CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Acting Warden Jean Campanella, Defendant Randy Davis' successor as Warden of Vienna Correctional Center, in her official capacity, by and through her attorney, Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, hereby responds to Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for Admission,

REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Admit that inmates are not housed on the second floor of Building 19.

RESPONSE: Admit

as follows:

19.

2. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the second floor of Building

RESPONSE: Deny

3. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the second floor of Building19 for any reason, including for non-emergency reasons.

RESPONSE: Deny

4. Admit that inmates are not housed on the first floor of Building 19.

RESPONSE: Defendant denies there are no inmates housed on the first floor of Building 19, because segregation is located on the first floor. However, defendant admits that general population inmates are not housed on the first floor of Building 19.

5. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the first floor of Building 19.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Defendant admits Vienna reserves the right to house segregations status inmates on the first floor of Building 19.

6. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates on the first floor of Building 19 for any reason, including for non-emergency reasons.

RESPONSE: Deny

7. Admit that Vienna Correctional Center currently houses more inmates than the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first constructed.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "original rated capacity." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 7.

8. Admit that the number of inmates housed in Vienna Correctional Center is currently approximately double the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first constructed.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "original rated capacity." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 8.

9. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house more inmates in Vienna Correctional Center than the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first constructed.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "original rated capacity." Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies Vienna reserves the right to house more inmates at Vienna Correctional Center.

10. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house twice as many inmates as the original rated capacity of Vienna Correctional Center when it was first constructed.

RESPONSE: Deny

11. Admit that Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 10.

12. Admit that the first floor of Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates. RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 12.

13. Admit that the second floor of Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire into the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 13.

- 14. Admit that the third floor of Building 19 was not originally designed to house inmates. RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, after a reasonable inquire the information known or readily available, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the statement in paragraph 14.
- 15. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates in other buildings at Vienna Correctional Center that were not originally designed to house inmates.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed" And "other buildings". Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant admits

that Vienna Correctional Center reserves the right to house inmates in any housing unit except Building 19.

16. Admit that Vienna reserves the right to house inmates for any reason, including for non-emergency reasons, in other buildings at Vienna Correctional Center that were not originally designed to house inmates.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is vague as to the meaning of "originally designed." Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant admits that Vienna Correctional Center reserves the right to house inmates in any housing unit except Building 19.

17. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Housing Units.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 17.

18. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Housing Units rather than Remediate the Mold.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as

no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 18.

19. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in Building 19.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 19.

20. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in Building 19 rather than Remediate the Mold.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as

no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 20.

21. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 21.

22. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities rather than Remediate the Mold.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method.. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 22.

23. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as

no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 23.

24. Admit that Vienna has painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center rather than Remediate the Mold.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. In addition, this request to admit is vague and overbroad as no timeframe is specified. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 24.

25. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 25.

26. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 26.

27. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 27.

28. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 28.

29. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 29.

30. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 30.

31. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 31.

32. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center

rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on November 16, 2012, by Plaintiffs' counsel.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 32.

33. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 33.

34. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Housing Units rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 34.

35. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge

Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 35.

36. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in Building 19 rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 36.

37. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 37.

38. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the Bathroom Facilities rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 38.

39. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 39.

40. Admit that Vienna painted over mold in the dining hall at Vienna Correctional Center rather than Remediate the Mold in preparation for the inspection of Vienna Correctional Center on October 30, 2014, by Judge J. Phil Gilbert and Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazier.

RESPONSE: Objection. This request to admit is argumentative as it assumes mold actually existed in the housing units, and assumes that painting over mold is an improper mold remediation method. Notwithstanding said objection, Defendant denies the statement in paragraph 40.

41. Admit that Vienna has used the possibility of transfer from the Housing Units (not including Building 19) to Building 19 as a means of inmate discipline.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Defendant admits that Building 19 contains segregation cells, and inmates are occasionally sentenced to segregation by the Adjustment Committee. Defendant denies threatening transfer to Building 19 as a means of discipline.

42. Admit that Vienna has in fact transferred inmates from the Housing Units (not including Building 19) to Building 19 as a means of inmate discipline.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Defendant admits that Building 19 contains segregation cells, and inmates are occasionally placed in segregation by the Adjustment Committee due to disciplinary issues. Defendant denies threatening transfer to Building 19 as a means of discipline.

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1	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and
2	between counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for
3	Defendants that the DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL P. ATCHISON
4	may be taken in shorthand by Brenda Orsborn, a
5	Certified Court Reporter, and afterwards transcribed
6	into typewriting; and the signature of the witness is
7	expressly waived.
8	MICHAEL P. ATCHISON,
9	of lawful age, being produced, sworn and examined on
10	behalf of the Defendant, deposes and says:
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12	EXAMINATION
13	QUESTIONS BY MR. COLLINS:
14	Q. Good morning, sir. How are you?
15	A. Good morning. Thank you. How are you?
16	Q. Just for the record, I am Robert Collins.
17	I'm a lawyer at Latham & Watkins in Chicago, and I
18	represent the Plaintiffs as well as the class that's
19	been certified here for purposes of settlement. Would
20	you, just for the record, also introduce yourself?
21	A. My name is Michael P. Atchison. I'm Deputy
22	Chief or, I'm sorry. I'm Chief of Operations for
23	the Department of Corrections.
24	Q. And how long have you been Chief of
25	Operations?

Page 6 1 Α. Since March 16th of this year. 2 Q. Of 2016? 3 Α. Yes. 4 What was your position before that? Q. 5 Deputy Chief of Operations, which explains Α. 6 my slip of the tongue. 7 Q. How long did you hold the position of Deputy 8 Chief? 9 Since January 26th of 2013. 10 Ο. And what was your position before 11 January 26th of 2013? 12 Α. I was warden at Menard Correctional Center. 13 Ο. How long were you the warden at Menard? 14 Α. About 13 months, from December 1st of 2011 15 until I left. 16 Q. Have you ever been deposed before? 17 Α. Yes. 18 So I won't go through all the ground rules, but just so that we're on the same page, we have a 19 20 court reporter here who obviously will be taking down everything that we discuss, so I would just ask 21 that -- I will do my best not to talk over you, and if 22 23 you could do your best not to talk over me so that the 24 court reporter can get it all down. I will do my 25 best, as well, to ask you clear questions that you

Page 7 understand, but please let me know if you don't 1 understand any questions. I will try to rephrase or 2 define or make it so that you're clear. 3 4 Α. Understood. 5 You understand that you're under oath? Ο. 6 Α. I do. 7 And if you don't ask me any questions or if Q. 8 you answer a question, I'll assume that you understood 9 the question. Fair enough? 10 Α. Yes, sir. 11 Any questions before we get going? Q. 12 Α. No. 13 Ο. Great. The other thing I'll just make sure 14 that we're okay about, if you need a break at any 15 time, just let me know, and we'll take a break. 16 only thing I would ask is if there's a question 17 pending, you answer that, and then we'll take a break. 18 Α. Understood. 19 MR. COLLINS: Can you mark this? I'm going 20 to mark this as Exhibit 1. 21 [Marked Exhibit No. 1.] 22 Q. (By Mr. Collins) Chief, I'm handing you a 23 copy of what's been marked as Exhibit 1 to your 24 deposition. This is Plaintiff's Notice of Deposition of Defendant Director of the Illinois Department of 25

Page 8 Corrections and Warden of Vienna Correctional Center 1 in their Official Capacity Pursuant to the Federal 2 Rules of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6). 3 4 Have you seen this before? 5 Α. Yes. 6 0. And can you please turn to Page 4? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Q. Have you seen these examination topics 9 before? 10 I believe so. Α. 11 And do you understand that you are here in your capacity as an official of the Department of 12 13 Corrections to testify on behalf of the Department of 14 Corrections? 15 Yes, I do. Α. 16 Ο. And you're prepared to do so? 17 Α. Yes, I am. 18 Q. What are your -- let me start that over. 19 As the Chief of Operations, what are your 20 responsibilities for Vienna Correctional Center? 21 Α. As Chief of Operations, I oversee essentially the operations of all 25 existing 22 correctional facilities and their satellite units or 23 facilities as well, which includes the offender 24 25 population and the staffing composition. I oversee

Page 9 1 the deployment of the workforce. I oversee offender 2 movement, security custody control and the well-being 3 of staff and offenders alike. 4 Do you have any responsibility for 5 maintenance of facilities? 6 Α. Yes. That would fall under that umbrella, 7 correct. 8 Q. And would maintenance include repairs, 9 upkeep, renovation, that type of thing? 10 Α. It would, yes. 11 Ο. Did you prepare for your deposition today? 12 Only in reviewing the examination topics and 13 recollecting, yes. 14 0. Chief, do you know how many inmates Vienna 15 Correctional Center was designed to house? 16 Α. Not offhand, I do not. 17 Ο. Do you know what the term "design capacity" 18 means? 19 I know in somewhat of an abstract form, I 20 understand it. I am not confident in whether my 21 understanding was the original understanding when it 22 was dubbed "design capacity." 23 Ο. What's your understanding? 24 Α. My understanding is that regardless of the 25 age of the facility, that is what the architects, the

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designers, the builders had in mind for the particular facility.

- Q. And are you familiar with the term "operational capacity"?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. What does that term mean?
- A. Operational capacity, unless I'm incorrectly recollecting here, is what the facility and the agency as a whole is able -- the capacity at which it is able to operate safely and securely with enough room for open beds in case you had to have -- move population from one place to another.
- Q. Do you know how operational capacity compares to design capacity?
- A. Only in how I formulated my opinion in that the designers or the architects of the facility, again, regardless of the year and regardless of how many buildings were in the original design, because many facilities add on buildings, and that design capacity may not have been adjusted for the additional buildings built. But the difference to me is what the mind of an architect had in mind and in what a facility or agency administrators have in mind for the use, utilization or the population type.
 - Q. Do you know what Vienna Correctional

Page 11 1 Center's current operational capacity is? 2 Α. I'm sorry. I don't know that off the top of 3 my head. I can take a swing at it, but --4 Q. Do you know how the current operational capacity at Vienna compares to its design capacity? 5 6 Α. No. 7 Q. Do you know what factors would go into how the operational capacity would be determined for 8 Vienna? 9 10 Α. The factors would include -- I may be 11 repeating what I said earlier, but the mission or security level of the facility, what programmatic 12 13 opportunities there may be and the population of the overall -- the overall population of offenders in IDOC 14 15 at the time as well. 16 And by "programmatic opportunities," is that Ο. vocational/educational type students? 17 18 Α. Yes. 19 Do you know whether the operational capacity of Vienna Correctional Center has changed since this 20 21 lawsuit was filed in mid-2012? 22 Α. I don't believe it has. The population has 23 reduced, but I don't believe our capacities have been 24 altered. I may -- can I qualify that? 25 Q. Sure.

- A. I'm only say saying I don't know because I don't know if what we have managed within our ability to say we will no longer use certain buildings for housing, if that has been translated to a computer system that says those beds are no longer there. Do you know what I'm saying?
- Q. Let me ask you a few questions to make sure I understand what you're saying. So let's take -- we just walked through Building 19.
 - A. Right.

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- Q. Is it correct to say that other than the first floor segregation -- let me start that over.
- Is it correct to say that other than those six segregation cells on the first floor, IDOC is not housing inmates in Building 19?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And does IDOC have any plans to house inmates in Building 19 other than those six cells?
- A. No, not at all.
- Q. So help me understand how you're distinguishing operational capacity of Building 19 versus what IDOC intends to do?
- A. I'm only saying I didn't check before we came here today. I would like to assume that we have -- that our bed space capacity has been reduced,

and this meaning operational, has been reduced in accordance with the number of beds that were depopulated in Building 19. Again, I didn't review our Daily Operational Report comparing it from today's capacity to six months ago or approximate to six months ago. I can testify to the intent of the agency and that we don't want elbows rubbing. We want elbow room. We want what's best for our population and staff, alike, and that includes making room and eliminating areas that are less appealing than others from within our walls.

- Q. So is it the intent of IDOC not to house inmates in general population in Vienna?
 - A. In Building 19.
- Q. I'm sorry. Let me try that again. That was my mistake.

Is it the intent of IDOC not to house general population inmates in Building 19?

- A. That is correct. And if I may define, there may be -- there are beds in our infirmary that are also on the ground floor, and they technically are general population inmates, but that's a temporary location for them.
- Q. Okay. So other than the six cells in the first floor segregation unit and whatever beds you

would need in the infirmary, IDOC's intent is not to house inmates in Building 19?

A. That is correct.

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- Q. I want to understand how that came about.

 So when was the decision made to depopulate the general population sections of Building 19, other than the infirmary?
 - A. May or June of this year.
 - Q. Why was that decision made?
- A. Well, as we -- as we watched our population, overall population decline over the last few years, and also knowing the objective and goals of the governor and this administration to reduce our incarceration rate or reduce our population by 25 percent in ten years, that we are confident in our resolve that we can make adjustments where they are most -- where there's the most benefit, and by benefit, I mean, what's best for the offenders that are living in a dormitory that would rather live in a room with one other person, maybe, and -- period.
- Q. Who made the decision to depopulate Building 19?
- A. Myself and in discussion with the chief of staff and the director.
 - Q. And by the director, you mean the director

Page 15 1 of IDOC? 2 Α. Yes. And who is the chief of staff? 3 Ο. Α. Rob -- or Edwin Bob Bowen. 4 5 Was that decision to depopulate Building 19 0. 6 formalized in some way? 7 Α. Unless formal is anything beyond an e-mail 8 and then, you know, discussions and meetings among the 9 persons I just mentioned, no, not that I am aware. 10 The plan to actually effect the moves is probably in a 11 separate document for how many we move each week and 12 where they're going and how we actually make all the 13 moving -- move all the moving parts to make it happen, 14 that's, I believe, in a separate document. 15 0. So was -- were all sections of Building 19 16 depopulated at the same time? 17 Α. No. When were they each done? 18 Ο. 19 Α. Through the course of -- I want to say four 20 to six weeks, from late May to throughout June, 21 possibly, in that general time frame, and I don't recall which, which of the -- whether it was the 22 23 second floor or the third floor that went first, but 24 there was a strategy on how we could make the moves 25 and what would be the most efficient and safe for

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- Q. Where did the inmates that were removed from Building 19 go?
- Α. Some of them went into empty beds here at Vienna in the housing units that are existing here. Vienna proper, so to speak. Some of them went to other medium or minimum facilities, probably minimum, throughout the state. To really accommodate a lot of the -- those offenders that were in Building 19, I want to say that they screened hundreds of people that were already here at Vienna for possibly work camp placement or placement in another minimum facility, and it's a trickle-down effect. You can take offenders that are appropriate for one area and move them to another so that you can backfill with other offenders that are more appropriate. We knew that we had some beds in work camps that could be filled, so we made deliberate moves to allow for the depopulation of 19.
- Q. And I want to talk about each section of Building 19, because there are several different sections in Building 19.
 - A. Okay.
- Q. So let's start with the second floor, general population wing.

Page 17 1 Α. Yes. That one's depopulated now, correct? 2 Q. 3 Α. Yes. 4 Q. And IDOC doesn't have any plans to put 5 inmates in that second floor wing? Α. 6 No. 7 Q. Does IDOC reserve the right to put inmates 8 in that wing? 9 Α. Only in the case of an emergency. If we had 10 a catastrophic event and we had to move offenders from 11 an area that was damaged or was not safe, we would. 12 Q. And what do you mean by an emergency or 13 catastrophic event? 14 Α. A flood, a tornado, a natural disaster. Would it be fair to characterize that 15 Ο. 16 reservation as temporary housing? 17 Α. Yes. Yep. 18 Would you need to do anything in terms of maintenance or repair to that second floor wing before 19 20 you could house inmates in there for emergency 21 purposes? 22 Α. For emergency, no. If we had -- again, when 23 I think of emergency, I think of we've got to get 24 these people out of this area because it's not safe. So what's better, an unsafe, water up to their knees, 25

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or put a bucket to catch a dripping roof here? So yes, we will manage a crisis appropriately, but if we were to lose hundreds of beds at a particular facility due to a tornado and temporary turned into long-term temporary, yes, we're going to put into effect the capital projects that we already have. It's not to say that we won't anyway, because we have a building structure, we have an asset that we want to preserve.

- Q. You mentioned the capital projects. What are you referring to?
- A. Capital projects are, in layman's terms, which is all I really know, are major renovations, major building projects that require a state agency, such as IDOC, to solicit the assistance of the Capital Development Board, which is not a state agency, and they have their own architects. They have their own engineers that will do an initial evaluation of our need, and we go on a list of needed capital projects statewide, across multiple agencies, and we -- it's safe to say that we weekly, at least, are discussing our priority lists as they change, as they evolve with CDB and with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget because it requires funding. It requires legislative funding. And I, speaking for myself, am not afraid to very emphatically impress upon my

Page 19 1 principals in this matter the importance of one 2 project or another and why this project is now the 3 priority, and well, gosh darn-it, I quess we'll have 4 to move that down the list even though it was number 5 one last week, and deservedly so. 6 So my point being is that we take this 7 seriously, and we should, but we are very much 8 beholden to funding, so we work our end of it as vigorously as we can. 9 10 And I'm just trying to get a sense -- I just 11 want to make sure I understand, when you mentioned 12 capital projects, were you referring to any specific 13 capital projects for Building 19? 14 Α. Just there's one project that's 15 assigned to Building 19, roofing and windows and 16 bathrooms and things like that. 17 Are any of those projects you just referred to still planned to done --18 19 Α. Yes. 20 Q. -- to Building 19? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. Could you tell me exactly what those planned projects are? 23 What they are or where --24 Α.

What they are.

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Page 20 1 Α. With Building 19? 2 Ο. Correct. The roof, primarily the roof, and, again, I 3 Α. 4 don't know exactly if that's a separate project from 5 bathroom renovations, but the roof is the one that we 6 really need to get done, because it does affect -- you 7 know, even if there's no one there, you don't want 8 water leaking into certain areas, so the roof is very 9 much on our high priority list, still. Do you have the funding right now to be able 10 Q. 11 to replace the roof or fix the roof? I don't know. I don't know. 12 I'd like to 13 think so, but I don't know. I just don't know. 14 Do you have it actually scheduled to do that Ο. 15 project for the roof? 16 I believe it was scheduled, and the material 17 was actually moved in, some of the material at some I don't recall -- I don't recall what the --18 19 this was for deciding, well, let's not do the roof now 20 because we have a greater emergency somewhere else, 21 but it is still planned and still high on the list of 22 work to do. 23 Ο. You -- I think you mentioned, also, bathrooms? 24 25 If I recall, at least for housing Α. Yes.

offenders there, we would have to renovate the bathrooms. If we don't house offenders there, I doubt that we would renovate those bathrooms.

- Q. If you were to house inmates back in general population in Building 19, what would you need to do to the bathrooms?
- A. I believe increase the capacity or we only house it within the capacity of the -- what, you know, the plumbing codes and building codes, so many toilets or so many offenders per toilet, per shower, et cetera.
- Q. Do you know what building codes or housing codes you're referring to there?
- A. I believe it's life safety codes that architects refer to. I don't know if they're part of a statute or exactly where, but I usually only see snippets of information, not the entirety of an act or a code.
- Q. If you wanted to check the applicable code, how would you do that?
- A. I would contact our Capital Programs Unit.

 It's a unit within our agency that has a record of all of that.
 - Q. And that unit has the codes that would apply to the number of bathroom facilities, toilets, sinks?

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A. Yes, as would CDB, actually, CDB's probably -- I'd probably go to them first, because they're going to know exactly, and it's probably cited within their projects what -- which codes are being -- are the driving force behind some of the moves and what they have to work within.

- Q. So do you know specifically what would need to be done in Building 19 to meet those codes you're referring to?
- A. Only that I believe that we have to increase the number of toilets and showers, and there may be some structural improvements that go along with that. I believe that the main thing was just not enough for that number of people.
- Q. Would you need to add showers on the second floor?
 - A. I don't recall. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know whether there were showers on the second floor for the general population?
- A. I believe so, but 25 facilities, I just don't -- and I just walked through.
- Q. No, I know. It's fair. So I'll just tell you that when Building 19 had inmates on the second floor, there were no showers on the second floor.

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Page 23 Gotcha. So we would need showers on that 1 Α. 2 floor. 3 Q. You would need showers on the second floor? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Ο. Go ahead. 6 Α. Except in the case of an emergency. No, I understood. In addition to having to 7 Ο. 8 add showers on the second floor, do you know how 9 many -- whether the number of toilets or sinks or 10 urinals on the second floor was sufficient? 11 I don't know. I assume that they were not, 12 and that was part of the project. 13 Ο. Let's go up to the third floor of Building 14 19. 15 Α. Uh-huh. 16 0. There are four wings, correct? 17 Α. Yes. 18 0. And each wing held about a hundred inmates? 19 Α. Correct. 20 And let's start with the bathrooms. Do you Ο. 21 know, in order for IDOC to house any inmates in general population, other than for emergencies, 22 23 whether any improvements would need to be done to the 24 third floor bathrooms? 25 Α. I believe so.

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Q. What would these improvements be?

- A. Increased number of -- approximate to 400 offenders or beds, we would have to have a proper number of toilets, urinals and showers. I don't know the exact ratios, but we would meet that before we would ever permanently occupy that again.
- Q. And when you say "that," you're referring to those building codes we were talking about?
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- Q. The same question that I asked you about the second floor, but now about the third floor. Does the IDOC reserve the right or ability to house inmates in general population on the third floor?
 - A. In the case of an emergency, yes.
 - Q. Other than in the case of an emergency?
- A. I believe that the right may exist, but the will is not there to do that.
 - O. The same answer for the second floor?
- A. I would say yes. But, again, the -- it's hard to say what we have a right to do. I mean, I'd say that the right's there, but it's, again, there's a big difference between can and should, and that's about the best I can say about that.
- Q. So let me make sure I understand that. So IDOC probably could house inmates in general

Page 25 1 population, but shouldn't, the way it exists right 2 now? 3 Α. Exactly. 4 Ο. Any plans for the HVAC system in Building 19? 5 6 Α. Yes, that is another project. I do recall that, yes. 7 8 Q. What do you recall about that project? 9 Α. I don't know -- I don't recall what the -- I 10 believe that there's probably the ventilation system, 11 the entire -- whether there's enough air handlers or enough -- something that can make the air temperature 12 13 -- I'm at a loss for words here -- consistent 14 throughout those large rooms. 15 Q. And is that one of the capital projects you 16 were talking about? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Is that something that would need to be done before inmates would be housed in general population, 19 20 other than for emergency? 21 Α. Correct. 22 Q. What about the windows in Building 19? 23 capital project plan for those? 24 That's also part of one, and that's 25 also the same answer. Except in the case of an

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emergency, we would be required to replace these windows.

- Q. Anything else that IDOC would need to do to the general population areas in Building 19 to house inmates there, other than for an emergency?
- A. Not that I'm aware of. Not that I've been told.
- Q. What are the plans for the general population areas of Building 19?
- Well, the department's in the process of reviewing programs, determining what our -- what programs are effective that we currently employ and then putting into place evidence-based programs to replace some that aren't necessarily effective, and that would be considered potential space for programming, whether it's a Bible study or making signs or, you know, some sort of restorative justice. The department is always discussing opportunities to improve the quality of life both for the offenders and for the population. That's the whole concept behind restorative justice, so yeah, there's potential for that there, but, again, some of the these projects, before we even used it for those programs, we would need to -- we would need to make a -- we won't give up on a capital project. Trust me.

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Page 27 1 0. And at this point, any concrete plans to use 2 those areas in Building 19 for programs? Α. 3 No. 4 Ο. Basically, is the current concrete plan for 5 those general population areas of Building 19 to leave 6 them empty? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Two other questions about Building 19 and what would need to be done to house inmates there 9 10 other than for emergency. Would you need to do 11 anything to the plumbing itself? 12 I don't recall if there's any plumbing needs 13 there. I don't recall. 14 Q. Do you know what their requirements are for 15 the plumbing system? 16 Α. No, sir. 17 Do you know how you would go about finding out how what the requirements are? 18 19 Α. I would ask, probably starting with the chief engineer here, what he or she may know, and 20 21 moving on up with the existing project and consulting 22 with the Capital Development Board. Are there any standards that you know of 23 Ο. 24 that the plumbing has to meet? 25 Α. I'm sure there are plumbing standards.

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don't know. I can't cite them.

- Q. How would you determine what those plumbing standards are?
- A. Again, speaking with a chief engineer here, either myself, or I would assign someone to discuss it and consulting with the Capital Development Board.
- Q. And would the plumbing need to meet the standards that the Capital Development Board would set in order to house inmates in general population, other than for an emergency?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. The same question about pest control. Would anything need to be done in Building 19 to address pest control in order to house inmates for general population, other than emergency?
- A. I believe that was part of the suit, but I have never seen anything other than two-legged humans in that building. I've been in this agency for almost 31 years, and I've seen conditions that would be a little bit different, but I've never seen that in that building. If there are windows broken out and a bird would fly in, sure, that would be something that goes with that. But pest control is something that is -- that's standard operating procedure.
 - Q. What do you mean by standard operating

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- A. Throughout all of our facilities. If -- you have routine sprays. You have routine management of varmints coming inside fences or even in buildings. We will contract with a company that will get rid of them, but usually it's just insects, spraying for those and having either a contract or we have staff that are certified in the application or utilization of those pest controls.
- Q. Let's talk now about that segregation unit on the third floor.
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Let me be more clear or more specific. The segregation unit on the third floor of Building 19, what plans, if any, does IDOC have for that unit?
- A. None at all. We're using the beds somewhere else.
- Q. So no plans to house any inmates in that segregation?
 - A. No.
- Q. Do you know when the last time that unit was used to house inmates?
- A. I believe we vacated that area even before we vacated the general population wings, because our initiative to reduce our segregation numbers has been

ongoing for a couple of years now.

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- Q. What's that initiative?
- Α. It's a big question. We are in the middle of a process in which we are amending our rules that govern segregation, among other ancillary parts of the discipline and grievance procedures. It's called Department Rule 504. But even prior to us working specifically on the rule amendments, we have, as an agency, working within the discretion of the rule and the limits set for the rule, reducing our reliance on segregation as a form of discipline. So we have been getting away from the -- what we've always done, its mentality, to what's the right way to do this. that's a side effect, I believe, especially at a lower-level facility like Vienna where you just don't have the need for a large wing or a large number of beds for segregation.
- Q. So the same -- a similar question for that third floor segregation unit. Would it be that IDOC's reservation would be the ability to house inmates in there for purposes of emergencies only?
 - A. Could you repeat that?
- Q. Yeah. Of course. For that third floor
 Building 19 segregation unit, is it fair to say that
 IDOC's intent or plan is to only house inmates in that

Page 31 1 third floor unit of segregation for purposes of 2 emergency? 3 Yes, that's correct. Α. 4 Ο. Okay. Let's talk about the first floor 5 segregation unit. Do you know what the capacity of that unit is? 6 7 There are six cells, and I believe there are Α. 8 two beds per cell, so 12. 9 Ο. What about the bunk area? That's been taken offline as well. 10 Α. 11 Ο. When was that first floor segregation bunk 12 area taken offline? 13 Α. Probably within the last few weeks because of our reduced numbers, and instead of just saying, 14 15 "Well, we won't use it," we decided let's make it to 16 where it's very difficult to use by taking it offline. 17 How do you distinguish between those two? Ο. 18 Α. In an emergency, taking that off our 19 capacity numbers. 20 0. So IDOC's plan or intent would be to 21 only use that bunk area of the first floor segregation unit for purposes of an emergency? 22 23 Α. That's correct. 24 Q. Temporary housing? 25 Α. Correct.

Page 32 1 Q. Was there a reason that IDOC stopped using 2 that bunk area? 3 Α. Yeah. Yes. Me recognizing that I never had 4 liked that either, and I said, "Why is it even there?" 5 Ο. Why didn't you like it? 6 Α. It's counter to the premise that you 7 wouldn't have a -- sort of a dormitory-style 8 segregation room. If you had -- if you have to manage -- if you had an altercation between two 9 10 offenders, then you're dealing with -- if there were six bunks in there, then you're dealing with six 11 12 offenders instead of just the two, so it's not 13 necessary. It's not best practice. 14 Ο. If IDOC changed its plan and decided to 15 again use that first floor bunk area for segregation, is there any maintenance or repairs or improvements 16 17 that would need to be done? 18 We won't use it for segregation as long as I 19 have any say in it. 20 You mentioned earlier a computer system that Q. 21 tracks beds; is that right? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Ο. What are the -- are there various classifications for an inmate bed? 24

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- A. The ones that I am most familiar with, and there may be more that I'm not aware of, but general population, segregation and protective custody.
- Q. And do you know how the formerly general population beds in Building 19 are classified in the system currently?
- A. I can't speak to it. I wish I would have looked before today, but I would like to think that they are taking -- they're no longer classified, but they're no longer there, that the actual capacity is reduced by that amount, but I can't testify directly to that.
- Q. What about the beds in that bunk area in the first floor segregation?
- A. That's recent enough that I -- you know, it may still be in the works of being taken off the capacity.
- Q. And what about the beds in the third floor segregation?
 - A. That should be gone as well.
 - Q. And by gone, you mean not even listed?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Is it IDOC's plan that the -- that the beds in the general population areas of Building 19 would

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1	no longer be listed?
2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. And the same answer for that bunk area in
4	the first floor segregation?
5	A. That's correct. I'm sure we can produce the
6	documents that show
7	MR. COLLINS: That might just be the easiest
8	way to do it.
9	MR. GRADY: (Nodding head.)
10	MR. COLLINS: Sorry. I'm trying to be
11	efficient and save some time.
12	THE WITNESS: Not at all. I appreciate
13	that.
14	Q. (By Mr. Collins) Let's talk about the
15	housing units. There are six housing units?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Do you know how many inmates each housing
18	unit was originally designed to hold?
19	A. No, I'm sorry, I don't.
20	Q. Do you know what the operational capacity of
21	each of the housing units is currently?
22	A. No.
23	[Marked Exhibit No. 2.]
24	Q. I'm going to hand you Exhibit 2. Chief, do
25	you recognize this document?
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Page 35 1 Α. I recognize it for what it is. I have not 2 seen this particular document previously. It appears 3 to be the actual population by housing unit and by 4 wing in Vienna. 5 Q. Okay. And take a look at the No. 1. 6 it says, "Number of inmates currently housed at VCC," 7 Vienna Correctional Center, "including in each housing 8 unit and in Building 19, and including each wing, floor, segregation or other housing section of each 9 10 housing unit and in Building 19." 11 Α. Yes. 12 Q. And then it lists the total number of 13 offenders as 1,107 as of October 25, 2016? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Do you know whether that number is accurate as of that date? 16 17 Α. I don't know. I would be reliant on the 18 same people that you got this from to tell me that. 19 Ο. Do you see the first line then says Housing 20 Unit No. -- I'm sorry. It says "H.U. 1." 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. And would that mean Housing Unit 1? 23 Α. Yes. 24 It says 163 inmates? Q.

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- Q. And then it lists 1A equals 41, 1B equals 42, et cetera. Does that mean that Wing A of Housing Unit 1 has 41 inmates?
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- Q. And Wing B has 42, and Wing C has 39 and Wing D has 41?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And that would apply for all the other six housing units?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know, for example, looking at Housing Unit 1, whether 163 inmates is the total number of inmates that Housing Unit 1 can hold?
- A. Without knowing -- without even seeing their, you know, the number of beds they have in each room, I can't say for sure. I would assume that each of the rooms has two beds because it's minimum security. We have rare instances of a need for a single person cell. They have much more freedom of movement here, so I would assume that anything under, like for that -- like Housing Unit 1, I would assume that the capacity is at least 42, so 1B Wing is 42. All of the other ones are a little bit under that. A couple of these actually have -- like Housing Unit 4 has 47 in some of their wings. I don't know if it's a

Page 37 1 longer -- has more rooms than the other wings, but --2 Ο. Yeah. Do you know whether most of the 3 housing unit wings can currently hold 48 -- about 48 inmates? 4 I would bet that that's what they could 5 Α. 6 hold, but by looking at these numbers, I bet we -instead of packing full one particular wing and having 7 8 lots of room, we spread out the room as economically 9 and as properly as we could, so --Let me -- let me ask the question this way. 10 11 If it's right that there are about 48 beds in each of 12 the housing unit wings or whatever that specific 13 number actually is, does IDOC have any plans or intent 14 to house more inmates in those wings? 15 Α. Again, I speak to the overall resolve 16 to decrease population and to reduce recidivism and --17 so no. 18 Can you look down to the second part of this 19 exhibit? Do you see where it says "Building 19"? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Ο. And then the third line is "OU equals zero." 22 Α. Yes. 23 What is the "OU"? Ο. 24 Α. I don't know what the "O" and the "U" stands

for, but it means it's the term or the code used

for -- it's sort of a place holder. So if they're moving -- in the process of moving one offender to another room, you can't move that offender until they move this offender out. This offender may go to OU while this one is moved in. When you have multiple rooms, this is sort of like a temporary limbo area designation. It's just -- it's not a real place.

- Q. Okay. Do you see where it say as "HCU equals zero"?
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- Q. What is a "HCU"?
- 12 A. Healthcare Unit.
 - Q. Okay. I've got it. So that's a real place.
 - A. It is. I'm so glad they put "OU" on there. I could have avoided all that.
 - Q. I enjoyed it. Back to the housing units.

 Let's talk about, first, are there any current plans to do any repairs or improvements on the housing units?
 - A. Yes. There's -- again, I didn't review the capital list for Vienna specifically, but in conversations I've had today, as recent as today, there were unfinished window projects for some of the areas that are not living units for the offenders, such as the officer's desk and day rooms, so, yes,

those are projects that still need to be completed.

- Q. Any other ones that you know of?
- A. I want to say there's an electrical grid loop replacement that we have to get done and probably -- probably quite a few other ones, but every facility has -- you know, if we're talking about ten years or more deferred maintenance, then, yeah, I'm sure we have quite a bit.
- Q. What do you mean by "ten years of deferred maintenance"?
- A. Well, in a perfect world, you would have a project, and you would submit an affidavit. The warden would submit saying this is what we have and this is why we need this done, and it would be done immediately, but, again, funding.
- Q. Right. So let's do the windows first. Have all of the windows in the cells in the housing units been replaced with new windows?
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- Q. So the only windows that have not been replaced so far are either in the day room areas or where the officers sit?
- A. Correct, as I have been informed. I haven't walked everywhere myself.
 - Q. And is it your understanding that Vienna

Page 40 1 does have the windows to replace those other areas, 2 meaning the day rooms and the officer area? 3 Α. Yes. Whether they're still physically here, 4 I don't know, but I do know that they are part of a 5 project that was stopped midstream, and it will be 6 finished. 7 Ο. And why was it stopped midstream? 8 Α. I assume because of the budgetary or the 9 lack of a budget. So the only reason that IDOC hasn't been 10 Ο. 11 able to replace the windows in the diet -- in the day room area and the officer area is due to budgetary 12 13 issues? 14 Α. Correct. 15 Are any repairs or improvements planned to any of the bathroom facilities in the housing units? 16 17 I believe so. I don't recall seeing that 18 recently, but I believe that that's also been --19 that's also part of the projects, yes. 20 Q. Would those projects be documented 21 somewhere? 22 Α. In our -- well, in our capital project 23 survey and the final survey and in our request for the capital project as well. 24

So all of the projects requested would be

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Page 41 1 documented in that survey --2 Α. Yes. 3 Ο. -- for Vienna? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Ο. Regardless of whether a capital project has 6 been requested or not for the bathroom facilities in 7 the housing units, to your knowledge, are any repairs 8 or improvements needed to the bathroom facilities in 9 the housing units? 10 MR. GRADY: Objection, knowledge. 11 Q. (By Mr. Collins) You can answer. 12 I would say that, yes, everywhere Α. Okay. 13 there's -- plumbing is ongoing, replacing parts, 14 replacing showers, replacing flush valves, those are 15 -- keeping up with them is -- one of the biggest tasks 16 of a maintenance department is just keeping up with 17 the everyday maintenance of plumbing utilities, 18 electrical, things like that. 19 Are there any specific improvements or 20 repairs that are needed to the plumbing facilities in 21 the housing units? 22 I don't know what the specifics would be. Α. don't know. 23 24 Would the bathroom facilities in the housing 25 units also need to meet those housing codes we were

Page 42 1 talking earlier about in connection with Building 19? 2 I believe that would be safe to assume, yes. Α. 3 Q. Do you know whether currently the bathroom 4 facilities in the housing units meet those codes? 5 I do not know. Α. 6 0. How would you check? 7 I would contact the chief engineer, starting Α. with the chief engineer, and, if necessary, the 8 9 capital development, refer to the project itself. 10 Who is the chief engineer currently at Q. 11 Vienna? 12 Darren Baggott. Darren Baggott. Α. 13 Ο. Does Mr. Baggott report to you? He would report to the warden. 14 Α. No. 15 Ο. Do you directly oversee or supervise anybody 16 specifically at Vienna? 17 When I answer the chief engineer, I 18 just tend to say go directly to the source who would know, but I probably wouldn't call the chief engineer. 19 I would call warden, who would get that information 20 21 from the chief engineer. 22 Ο. Does the warden report to you? 23 Α. No. Actually, no. The deputy director and 24 the deputy chief actually report to me, but I've 25 learned I'm not adverse to contact -- when I want

information, I just call. Instead of going through six people, I'll just say, "What's the deal?"

- Q. Are there any standards that the housing units need to meet in terms of the drinkability of the water?
 - A. Are there standards? I'm sure there are.
 - Q. Do you know what those standards are?
- A. The same as it is for any drinking water throughout the country.
- Q. Do you know whether the drinking water in the housing units meets those standards?
- A. I would like to believe I was -- I would be told if they did not.
 - Q. Who would tell you that?
- A. The chief engineer. I would say that through a chain of -- if we had a dramatic issue with water being drinkable or there being a boil order, it would go from the chief engineer to the warden to the deputy director and possibly even what we would call a reportable incident that Vienna Correctional Center is on some sort of a boil order or that there are -- it would come to me in some form or fashion as a report that we have.
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- A. The drinkability of the water?
- Q. Correct.

- A. I don't know, sir.
- Q. Do you know whether there are complaints or reports from inmates of brown drinking water?
- A. I have not heard any, no. If we have a complaint of foreign -- discolored drinking water or foreign objects in the drinking water or unusual taste or odor, there are processes by which the chief engineer, starting with, will get Public Health involved or whoever tests for the composition of the drinking water. I can only assume that that's been done if there were complaints. If they were dispelled, then, okay, it was a complaint and never was verified. If it was verified, then it rises to a whole different level.
- Q. So if there's -- if there's a complaint of discoloration or some other complaint related to the drinking water, you referred to a process. What specifically would that process be?
- A. I believe it is Public Health, that -- if it's not Public Health, it's someone that they -- a vendor that they can bring in to test water. I can't say much more specifically about the process than that. But -- and, again, depending on whether a

facility's water is supplied by their own water filtration system or by, say, city water or well water or whatever, there is agency oversight on that sort of thing. Yeah.

- Q. Just so we're clear, when you refer to Public Health, what are you referring to?
 - A. The Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Q. And it's IDOC's intent that the drinking water meets the applicable standards?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Other than the -- we just talked about the bathroom facilities in the housing units. Other than the bathroom facilities, any other repairs or improvements that need to be made to the housing units, whether or not there's a capital project for it?
 - A. Not that I'm aware.
- Q. Let's -- let's talk about the dietary facility. Any current plans for any repairs or improvements to the dietary building?
- A. Large scale, I'm not aware of, but small scale, again, that's another area where you're constantly replacing equipment and replacing material and improving a building, the construction of a building, but I don't know of anything specifically.

- Q. What about the windows in the dietary facility? Any need to repair those?
- A. I'm assuming that they're probably somewhere on the list of things to do, but I can't specifically attest to that.
- Q. We've talked about the six housing units, and we've talked about the six cells in the first floor segregation unit, and we've talked about the beds in the infirmary. Other than those three general areas, any other places at Vienna where inmates are housed currently?
 - A. No.

- Q. Does IDOC have any plans to house inmates in any location at Vienna Correctional Center other than the six housing units, the infirmary beds and those six beds in the first floor segregation unit?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Any intent to do so?
- A. No.
 - Q. Other than the six housing units and the areas of Building 19 that we've talked about, meaning first floor, second floor and the two segregation units and infirmary, any other places at Vienna Correctional Center that IDOC reserves the right to house inmates?

- A. Putting it into context, in an emergency, we have housed inmates on gymnasium floors safely, securely and sanitarily. Having the right doesn't mean we're going to doing it unless we have to do it, so yes, we do reserve the right within that context.
- Q. But is it correct to say that IDOC's plan or intent, would you only house inmates in other areas, other than the ones we've talked about, for emergency purposes only?
 - A. Correct.

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- Q. Other than -- other than the types of repairs or capital projects we've already talked about, are there other repairs or projects that IDOC feels needs to be done at Vienna?
- A. Again, I'm sure that there are, but I'm not sure of how many or where or what they are.

MR. COLLINS: Why don't we just take a five-minute break?

(Whereupon a break was taken.)

- Q. (By Mr. Collins) Just a couple of more questions. The first one, if you take a look at Exhibit 2 again, do you see where it says in the middle, "Building 19, first floor segregation equals 13"?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. Do you know why that number is 13 if there's only six cells that holds two beds each?
- A. I'd say as recent as the date this was provided to you, there was one offender in that one big room. As I said, this was just last week that it came to my knowledge. I put the "ixna" on it, if that's a word we can use.
- Q. Pig Latin flies here. I want to circle back to the very beginning when you were talking about operational capacity and how it relates to security and the ability to keep the institution safe. Does that mean that Vienna can be at a hundred percent of capacity, but have empty beds?
- A. The capacities I am familiar with, and that's why I may be getting mixed up. Operational capacity may actually be filled to the -- every bed filled. I don't know. There is a capacity term for that, and I don't recall if it's operational. There's also ideal capacity, rating capacity, design capacity. I've been flooded with different terms for capacity that I can't recollect. What -- I'd say in the basic terms, you have a capacity that is, yes, that's what we could hold. Is that what we should hold? No. We are -- we have never been at the -- we've never, in the 31 years I've been around, we've never filled

every single bed. Even when we were forced, due to population growth six, seven years ago or four or five years ago and put offenders on gym floors, we still had open beds in normal cells, but because we can't put every offender with every other offender necessarily, that some need to be single-celled, we don't actually fill the beds. We may leave a bed in there, because that cell may be later utilized in some other way. There's no sense in taking that bed out if we may re-purpose that cell. So I have to plead -- I have to punt on that, because I don't -- I don't know that I could speak specifically to what "operational" means, except, in my mind, it's like what's -- what's the way to operate? What's the best way to operate? Because the other term is so foreign, in that we've never done it, I don't really bring that into play. Operational means every bed filled.

- Q. Putting the terms aside, the specific defined terms, putting those aside, is it possible for Vienna to have the number of inmates that you would consider preferred or ideal and still have some extra beds because of how you define preferred or ideal?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And that would -- would that relate to security concerns or staffing concerns?

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- A. It would. It would relate to not so much the staffing, but the -- you want to have enough cushion, based on the population type, and that's where that difference between being completely filled up and every bed filled and what is -- it seems like I recollect a 95 percent being a number that for the -- that one of our capacities is 95 percent. That leaves us 5 percent wiggle room, and that's where that 95 percent is really the realistic cap for us because we know we really can't go above that.
 - Q. Ninety-five percent of what?
- A. Of the entire -- the entire number of beds that are in a facility.
- Q. All right. So talking about Vienna specifically and putting aside the areas you've closed in Building 19, so just looking at the -- essentially for general population, the six housing units, do you know where Vienna is in terms of that ideal or preferred number?
- A. I'd say even if we took all of the number of beds that we reduced, that we took off of our capacity from Building 19, that we are still lower to -- we are still marginally lower than what our comfortable capacity would be. I'm believing that if we walked again and did a cell-by-cell survey, we would find

completely empty cells, or we would find several single-person cells, even though there are two beds and that there would be no harm in two guys being in that cell together. So I would say that that 95 percent, I don't know if it's scientific. I just know that you build in some padding into what you have to do. There's probably planners and researchers that can tell you more about that than I. I go more about -- I operate based on mostly my experience, and so yes.

- Q. If the total inmate population in Illinois started to increase again, how would that affect Vienna?
- A. I would say marginally, because it would also be -- it would be dependent on how much it increased. I think it would take -- for instance, we are 6,000 fewer offenders in our custody than we were in 2012, 6,000 give or take, and it would take a lot -- it would take us reversing course pretty abruptly for Vienna to be affected adversely, by anyone's terms, right away.
- Q. And in order to -- as we discussed earlier, and if the inmate population generally were to increase, such that IDOC needed to use the general population areas of Building 19 again, that would be

Page 52 1 subject to the need for the repairs and improvements 2 we talked about earlier. 3 Α. Absolutely. 4 Are there any -- are there any prison 5 facilities in Illinois that are beyond where you would 6 have the ideal or preferred number of inmates, such that Vienna would be at risk of transferring inmates to Vienna? 8 9 Α. I'm proud of that fact, by the way. 10 MR. COLLINS: I don't have any more 11 questions. I thank you very much for taking the time to be here today, not only for the deposition, but for 12 13 the tour. 14 THE WITNESS: You're welcome. 15 EXAMINATION 16 **OUESTIONS BY MR. GRADY:** 17 In general, we talked about the maintenance 18 of facilities, and I just want to clear up a few 19 things. So we mentioned that Vienna has a chief 20 engineer; is that correct? 21 Α. Correct. 22 Q. He oversees the general maintenance of 23 Vienna Correctional Center? 24 Α. Yes. Does he have a maintenance staff? 25 Ο.

Page 53 1 Α. Yes. 2 Q. On a day-to-day basis, do they conduct or 3 complete maintenance activities? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. So that's a daily occurrence, maintenance 6 would be? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Q. And those -- maintenance is distinct from 9 the capital projects? 10 Α. The only role maintenance has in a capital project is filing the appropriate 11 12 documentation of the need and providing it to the 13 warden, so an affidavit and all the forms that go with 14 it, yes. 15 Ο. So that kind of follows my next thought 16 Just in general, you wouldn't necessarily be 17 informed of day-to-day maintenance? 18 Α. No. 19 Ο. And so I do want to talk about the role, 20 then, the chief engineer and maintenance play in 21 developing capital projects. I guess how does a 22 capital project get started? Where would it begin? 23 Α. With the chief engineer and his staff. they identify whether it's a slow progression towards 24 25 the need or a roof caves in, the project will start

Page 54 1 with the chief engineer and the warden. I've signed affidavits myself attesting to what the need is, and 2 3 that's where it goes. 4 And that would go on to Springfield and 5 maybe the Capital Programs Unit? 6 Α. Yes. They're involved, and they make an 7 assessment, and it's eventually to the Capital 8 Development Board. And I do want to talk a little bit about the 9 Ο. 10 Capital Development Board, CDB. CDB oversees the 11 financing and the actual approval of plans for any 12 capital project in the State of Illinois; is that 13 right? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Ο. So any plan for any major capital 16 improvement would have to be approved by the CDB? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Ο. And is it true that the CDB actually 19 normally hires the architects, approves the plans or 20 designs? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. They have their own engineers. 23 Α. Yes. 24 0. And architects at CDB as well? 25 Α. I believe they have engineers, and maybe

Page 55 architects, too. I don't know, but they have some 1 professionals in their ranks, but they're not utilized 2 for the actual jobs. They hire them out. 3 4 Q. Right. But I guess CDB approves all plans? 5 Α. Correct. 6 Ο. How much input does IDOC actually have into 7 some -- the design of a structure or of a capital 8 plan? 9 Α. Minimal, at best. If you're talking 10 about -- well, for instance, if someone said, "Well, 11 we can't do this roofing project because it's 12 wintertime coming, " I, as a representative of IDOC, 13 may say, "No, we're in Southern Illinois. Don't put us off. You can do the roof in December or February 14 15 or whatever." 16 Ο. Would IDOC ever have any actual input into the specifications? 17 18 No. Well, no. Α. 19 Q. I know interplay is sometimes --20 MR. COLLINS: Let him answer. 21 Q. (By Mr. Grady) -- sometimes complicated. 22 Α. So if we have projects going on pursuant to 23 other cases that we do come in and say, "Wait a 24 This is not a light enough color for the

need," the paint color may need to change. Or we may

Page 56 1 say, "No, we don't want to put carpeting in here. We 2 want to put epoxy or something." So -- because CDB are the technical experts, but we are the end users, 3 4 so there may be aspects where we say, "No. I don't think you understand what we really need these for." 5 6 So, yeah, there is -- there is some, but it's not necessarily the technicality of it so much as what our 7 end use is. 8 9 Ο. So as far as like safety code goes, though, does IDOC determine any of that? 10 That would all be 11 drawn by a CDB and the engineers and whatever 12 architect they hire? 13 Α. Correct. 14 Ο. Who solicits the bids? CDB or IDOC? 15 Α. CDB. And CDB determines, then, who is awarded 16 Ο. that bid? 17 18 Α. Yes, they procure it. 19 MR. GRADY: I have no further questions. 20 Do you want me to ask --MS. LALLY: MR. COLLINS: 21 I have one or two. 22 FURTHER EXAMINATION 23 QUESTIONS BY MR. COLLINS: 24 We discussed earlier applicable codes, 25 standards, and CDB is required to follow those

Page 57 standards and codes? 1 2 Α. Yes. 3 Ο. And is bound by those standards and codes? 4 Α. Yes. And IDOC is bound by those standards and 5 Q. 6 codes? 7 I'd say that we are bound insomuch that we 8 have to live within the limits of the code, that if we 9 only have enough toilets and showers for X amount of offenders, then we make the decision how many 10 offenders to put in, and we are beholden to that. 11 12 With your counsel, you discussed the chief 13 engineer and the maintenance crew at Vienna. Do you recall that? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 Ο. Do you know how many maintenance staff 17 members Vienna has? 18 Α. No, sir, I don't. 19 Q. Do you know how many Vienna is intended to 20 have? 21 I don't know. I don't know. Α. 22 Do you know whether the number of staff in 23 maintenance Vienna actually has is, in fact, the 24 number that it's intended or planned to have? 25 Α. I don't know.

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1	MS. LALLY: I think we're good.
2	MR. COLLINS: I think we're good. Thank you
3	very much again.
4	MR. GRADY: We'll waive.
5	MR. COLLINS: Could we get a draft or
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EXHIBIT E

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United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

Notice of Dismissal of Class Action Lawsuit

A federal court directed this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

In June 2012, several inmates filed a lawsuit, *Michael Boyd, et al. v. S. A. Godinez, et al.*, Case No. 3:12-cv-00704 (S.D. Ill.), relating to the living conditions at Vienna Correctional Center ("Vienna"). This lawsuit did not seek any money for any inmates. It also did not bring any claims related to medical or psychological treatment. Instead, it sought an order requiring improvements to Vienna. Due to changed conditions at Vienna, however, Plaintiffs now seek to voluntarily dismiss this lawsuit. This notice explains the reasons for dismissal and the rights of the Class.

What Was This Case Trying To Achieve? The inmates who brought this case were seeking an order from the Court requiring IDOC to make repairs to and improvements in the living conditions at Vienna. They were not seeking any money damages and were not seeking any changes to medical or psychological services at Vienna.

What Is A Class Action? In a class action, one or more people called "Class Representatives" (in this case, J.B. Washup) sue on behalf of themselves and other similarly-situated people. Together, all the people with similar claims are members of the "Class."

Why Is This Case Being Dismissed? The primary goal in this case was to improve the living conditions at Vienna, primarily in "Building 19." Since the case was filed, however, IDOC has ceased using Building 19 to house inmates in the general population, has made improvements to the various housing units and has overall reduced the prison population that caused many of the substandard living conditions. IDOC has agreed to inform Class Counsel in writing if it intends to re-open Building 19 within two years of dismissal so that Class Counsel can evaluate the rights of the Class and whether further legal action would be appropriate.

Am I Entitled To Monetary Relief As A Result Of This Lawsuit? No. Plaintiffs brought this case to improve conditions at Vienna and were not asking for any money damages.

Does The Dismissal Prevent Me From Seeking Money Damages? No. Nothing in this dismissal would prevent you from filing a separate lawsuit.

When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Dismissal? The Court has scheduled a Fairness Hearing on [date] at [location].

- **If I Do Not Agree With The Dismissal, How Can I Tell The Court?** If you do not agree with the dismissal or have other information that you want to provide the Court, you may submit a letter or other written document that includes the following:
- 1) A heading that includes the case name and case number -- *Michael Boyd, et al. v. S. A. Godinez, et al.*, Case No. 3:12-cv-00704.
- 2) Your name and inmate number.
- 3) A statement of all your objections to dismissal or other information that you would like to bring to the Court's attention.

You must mail your objection no later than [date] to the following address:

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